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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: JSP PARTISANNS DEFEND HORIGOME

REF: A. TOKYO 8783 B. TOKYO 8822

1. REACTING QUICKLY TO CHARGES BROUGHT BY LDP AGAINST CENTRAL ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION CHAIRMAN MASAMICHI HORIGOME, WHO IS ALSO JSP POLICY OFFICIAL (REFTELS), GENERAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (SOHYO) AND NATIONAL LEAGUE TO PROTECT CONSTITUTION FILED COUNTER-CHARGES AGAINST LDP SEC GEN TOMISABURO HASHIMOTO JULY 5. COMPLAINT TO TOKYO DISTRICT PROSECUTOR BY THESE JSP PARTISANS DEFENDED HORIGOME ON GROUNDS THAT SOLE INTENT OF HIS REMARKS WAS TO ENSURE FAIR ELECTION, AND ALLEGED THAT IT IS HASHIMOTO ACTION WHICH CONSTITUTES OBSTRUCTION OF FREE ELECTION. THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON EVE OF UPPER HOUSE ELECTION SERVED TO KEEP PUBLIC ATTENTION FOCUSED ON CONTROVERSIAL ROLE OF CERTAIN CORPORATIONS IN CAMPAIGN.

2. PRIMIN TANAKA, SPEAKING IN MITO SAME DAY, CRITICIZED HORIGOME SHARPLY FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ATTITUDE OF FAIRNESS AND PRUDENCE EXPECTED OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, PRIMIN ADDED THAT HE WOULD AWAIT RESOLUTION OF CHARGES BY JUDICIAL
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PROCESS RATHER THAN TAKE ACTION HIMSELF TO RELIEVE HORIGOME

OF POST.

3. MEANWHILE, TOKYO DISTRICT PROSECUTORS OFFICE ANNOUNCED
THAT IT WOULD INVESTIGATE ALL CHARGES THOROUGHLY AND FAIRLY,
AFTER ELECTION.

4. COMMENT: SURPRISINGLY INTENSE REACTION TO NEW KIND OF
ROLE PLAYED IN THIS CAMPAIGN BY SOME CORPORATIONS HAS LED LDP
AND JSP INTO SHARP LEGAL CONFRONTATION WHICH BY ALL PRESENT SIGNS
DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY TO SUBSIDE QUICKLY AFTER VOTES HAVE BEEN
COUNTED. END COMMENT.
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